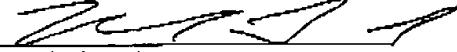


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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED JANUARY 21, 2003

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on January 21, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following two groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 1-12, 25 (possible claims 19-22) drawn to apparatus, classified in class 345, subclass 156.

Group II - Claims 13-18 and 23-24, drawn to process, classified in class 216, subclass 60.

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Applicant's representative hereby elects with traverse Group I ((possible claims 19-22) drawn to apparatus, classified in class 345, subclass 156) for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 19-22 belong to group II in that they are intended to be method claims. Applicant's representative will amend these claims to change "system" to -method—during prosecution of this case.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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